

Washington City Council

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Agenda Workshop Meeting July 7, 2015

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Turek, Councilmen Garth Nisson, Thad Seegmiller, Kress Staheli, Ronald Truman, City Attorney Jeff Starkey, City Manager Roger Carter, City Recorder Danice Bulloch, Administrative Services Manager Kimberly Ruesch, Public Works Director Mike Shaw, Police Chief Jim Keith, Leisure Services Director Barry Blake, Deputy Recorder Tara Pentz, Audience: Daniel DeFinis, James McFadden, Mari Smith, Mike Gordon, Judy Gordon, Sara Lang, Gordon Peludat

Meeting commenced at 6:00 P.M.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Councilman Truman made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nisson seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilman Nisson Aye Mayor Pro-Tem Seegmiller Aye Councilman Truman Aye

2. Review of the board audit report.

Administrative Services Manager Kimberly Ruesch reviewed the Board Audit Report with Council.

3. Discussion and review of Leisure Services to promote and run recreational programs / tournaments. Mayor Kenneth Neilson

Mayor Pro-Tem Seegmiller asked this item be moved to a future agenda, as Mayor Nielson was excused from the meeting.

4. Discussion of lighting in Sienna Hills parks and streets. Dan DeFinis

Dan DeFinis reviewed a powerpoint presentation with Council.

^{*}Councilman Staheli arrived.

*Mayor Pro-Tem Turek arrived.

Councilman Truman asked if he has spoke with any of his neighbors.

Mr. DeFinis stated he has only spoken with one neighbor. He agrees there are too many light.

Councilman Seegmiller commented each citizen has a different perspective. They did have residents complaining there was not enough lighting in the parks.

Mr. DeFinis stated he would request the minimum like shields installed. However, he could not afford the estimate he was sent by Utilities.

City Manager Roger Carter stated typically the cost is given to those residents requesting the lighting removal. However, the labor costs can be discussed at Council's discretion. The biggest concern of Staff is to have adequate lighting, not having too much lighting.

Councilman Seegmiller commented there is a possibility of deactivating some of the lights. They could have this done on a trial period, as there is very likely a possibility of residents complaining once the lights are turned off.

City Manager Carter stated he and the Parks Staff can go look at what would be adequate park coverage, and determine if any lights can be turned off.

5. Request for Tamarisk Tree removal & Skimboard Park. Daniel Cluff

Councilman Seegmiller stated Daniel Cluff is not able to attend at this time. However, Daniel has been trying to coordinate Eagle Scout Projects. He briefly discussed the tree removal along Millcreek, and rehabilitating the creek bed to accommodate skimboarding.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turek stated this would have to have approval by the Army Corp because of the location.

Leisure Services Director Barry Blake stated he does not have any issue with the tamarisk removal as long as the approvals were granted. However, he does not feel the widening of the creek bed would be approved by the Army Corp of Engineers.

Councilman Seegmiller suggested Staff move forward in the permitting process for tamarisk removal.

6. Review of Washington Fields infrastructure/service long-range planning. City Manager Roger Carter

City Manager Roger Carter reviewed the infrastructure in the Washington Fields area with Council.

7. Curbside residential recycling program. Councilman Seegmiller

Councilman Seegmiller reviewed the Solid Waste Special Service District proposed recycling program. The proposal consists of an opt-in for the City, at which point, the City can determine if the residents have an opt-in option. If there are fewer than 50% participation, then the entire proposal will be dissolved. He reviewed the costs involved in collection, along with the opt-out deadlines.

City Manager Roger Carter asked how much discussion has been done with regards to administrative, and how the fees will be collected.

Councilman Seegmiller explained the administration will be identical to the curbside pickup, which means the Washington City Staff would be responsibility for tracking collection, and opt-out. If there are additional administrative fees required by Washington City, they would be in addition to the base fees proposed by the Solid Waste District. The opt-out could become quite burdensome on Staff, if there is residents moving in and out of the City. He feels Washington City should participate, and should include an opt-out option.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turek asked about the information he received about St. George City doing their own recycling program.

Councilman Seegmiller stated St. George did speak up saying if all other Cities opt-out, they would have their own recycling program.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turek stated he feels recycling should be made available to the residents.

Councilman Nisson agreed, he would be in favor of Washington City participating, and having an opt-out option.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with City Attorney Starkey, and place this item on a future agenda for consideration.

8. Discussion and review HB 362 (2015) Authorized 0.25% local optional General Sales Tax dedicated to transportation. Jeff Starkey, City Attorney

City Attorney Jeff Starkey reviewed the HB 362, which would impose a local option General Sales Tax for transportation.

Councilman Seegmiller commented he struggles with this item, as gas prices in the State of Utah were just raised. However, he does like this would be an item voters can vote on in the election, if the County decides to move forward.

City Attorney Starkey stated if Council has any additional questions, please let him know. The Ordinance is on the Agenda for consideration tomorrow.

Councilman Seegmiller mentioned the Olsen home is vacant, and the family is willing to donate the building to a Municipality, if there were a location to place the home. He would like Council to contemplate the possibility of taking this building, and place it in Washington City.

9. Adjournment

Councilman Seegmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Truman seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilman Nisson Aye
Councilman Seegmiller Aye
Councilman Staheli Aye
Councilman Truman Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Turek. Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of July 2015.

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Attest by:

Kengeth F. Neilson, Mayor



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